

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

WILLIE E. DENNIS,

Plaintiff,

-against-

K & L GATES LLP; DAVID TANG; JAMES  
SEGERDAHL; JEFFREY MALETTA;  
MICHAEL CACCESE; ANNETTE  
BECKER; PALLAVI WAHI; JOHN BICKS;  
AND CHARLES TEA,

Defendants.

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20-CV-9393 (MKV)

ORDER

MARY KAY VYSKOCIL, United States District Judge:

Plaintiff, who is proceeding *pro se*, paid the filing fees to commence this action.

**SERVICE**

The Clerk of Court is directed to issue summonses as to Defendants K & L Gates LLP, David Tang, James Segerdahl, Jeffrey Maletta, Michael Caccese, Annette Becker, Pallavi Wahi, John Bicks, and Charles Tea. Plaintiff is directed to serve the summons and complaint on each Defendant within 90 days of the issuance of the summonses. If within those 90 days, Plaintiff has not either served Defendants or requested an extension of time to do so, the Court may dismiss the claims against Defendants under Rules 4 and 41 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure for failure to prosecute.

**FILINGS BY A PRO SE PARTY**

The Court must correspond with a *pro se* litigant by mail unless the litigant consents to electronic case filing. In this case, several mailings from the Court have been returned as undeliverable. Plaintiff must either update his address for mailing or consent to electronic service. A form for consent to electronic service is attached to this order.

**DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO STAY**

Defendants have filed a motion [ECF Nos. 5-7] to stay this case pending a decision from the Superior Court of the District of Columbia regarding whether the Parties may be compelled to arbitrate Plaintiff's claims. By prior Order, Judge McMahon ordered that a briefing schedule for the motion would be set for Defendant's motion following the payment of the filing fee by Plaintiff. *See* ECF No. 12. Plaintiff paid the fee on January 15, 2021. Accordingly, it is hereby ordered that Defendants' motion to stay this action will be briefed on the following schedule:

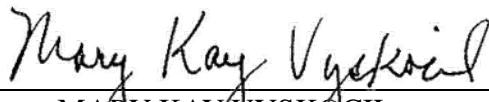
- Plaintiff must file any Opposition to the motion by February 19, 2021
- Defendants may file a Reply by March 5, 2021.

Any request for an extension of the deadlines set forth herein must be filed at least 72 hours in advance of the deadline. Failure to comply with the Court's Order may result in sanctions, including preclusion of any claim or defense or dismissal of the case.

The Clerk of Court is directed to mail a copy of this order to Plaintiff, together with an information package.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: January 19, 2021  
New York, New York



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MARY KAY VYSKOCIL  
United States District Judge



**United States District Court  
Southern District of New York**

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2. Complete and sign this form.

If you consent to receive documents electronically, you will receive a Notice of Electronic Filing by e-mail each time a document is filed in your case. After receiving the notice, you are permitted one “free look” at the document by clicking on the hyperlinked document number in the e-mail.<sup>2</sup> Once you click the hyperlink and access the document, you may not be able to access the document for free again. After 15 days, the hyperlink will no longer provide free access. Any time that the hyperlink is accessed after the first “free look” or the 15 days, you will be asked for a PACER login and may be charged to view the document. For this reason, *you should print or save the document during the “free look” to avoid future charges.*

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3. This service does *not* allow you to electronically file your documents;
4. It will be your duty to regularly review the docket sheet of the case.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> The docket sheet is the official record of all filings in a case. You can view the docket sheet, including images of electronically filed documents, using PACER or you can use one of the public access computers available in the Clerk’s Office at the Court.

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4. I will promptly notify the Court if there is any change in my personal data, such as name, address, or e-mail address, or if I wish to cancel this consent to electronic service;
5. I understand that I must regularly review the docket sheet of my case so that I do not miss a filing; and
6. I understand that this consent applies only to the cases listed below and that if I file additional cases in which I would like to receive electronic service of notices of documents, I must file consent forms for those cases.

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**Note:** This consent will apply to all cases that you have filed in this court, so please list all of your pending and terminated cases. For each case, include the case name and docket number (for example, John Doe v. New City, 10-CV-01234).

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